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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2006, having a three month shortened statutory response period and for which one additional month has been petitioned, Applicants submit the following remarks for the above-identified patent application.